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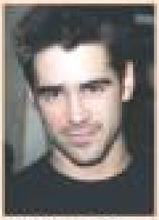
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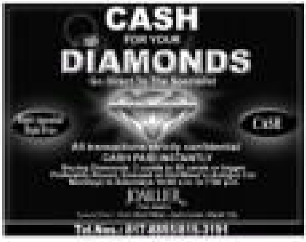
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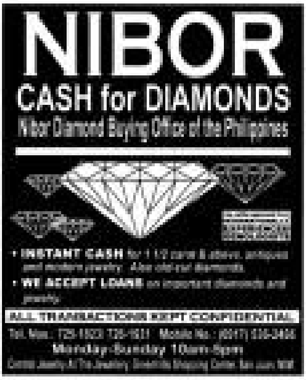
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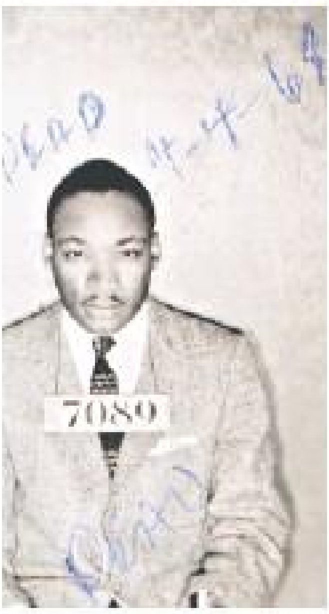
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SEGREGATION MUG SHOT
A Montgomery (Ala.) Sheriff's Department booking photo of The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. taken Feb. 22, 1956, with the words "Dead" and the date "4-4-68" scrawled on it, is shown July 23. Dozens of photographs from the civil rights era were recently discovered in a storage room used by the Montgomery County Sheriff's office. AP

Al-Qaida seen bent on US mass death

WASHINGTON—Security experts all believe al-Qaida is determined to launch an attack on the United States and if it can will try to use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, the chairman of the Sept. 11 commission said on Friday.

"Every single one of them expects an attack," Thomas Kean told reporters, referring to experts who had spoken to his bipartisan commission.

The only issue the experts argued about was whether al-Qaida was still capable of an operation like the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks or worse, or whether efforts to disrupt the group had reduced its ability to cause mayhem.

"But everybody feels that they are trying to mount another attack, and everybody feels that given their ideology, that they're doing their best to make it chemical, biological and nuclear because it kills more people and that's their goal," said Kean, a Republican.

The commission, in a final report issued on Thursday, recommended a major restructuring of how the government fights terrorism, including a new national intelligence director and a national counterterrorism center.

Kean said the US government had to act quickly on the recommendations because "time is not on our side."

Lee Hamilton, commission vice chairman and a Democrat, said after briefing White House officials that he believed they were aware that change was needed.

President George W. Bush on Friday instructed White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card to coordinate an examination of the recommendations by top administration officials and senior officers in intelligence and national security.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said Card would "get back to the president as soon as possible with their advice" although he had been given no specific deadline.

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, and Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut said they hoped to have a bipartisan bill by Oct. 1 addressing the commission's recommendation to create a national intelligence director and a new counterterrorism center.

"Nobody thinks what's there now works, nobody," Kean said, calling the national counterterrorism center the top recommendation because the biggest Sept. 11 failure was the lack of information sharing.

The Terrorist Threat Integration Center, created about a year ago to coordinate terrorism information across government, did not have the necessary stature and the various agencies had sent it their less-experienced people, the commissioners said.

Kean and Hamilton said they were unimpressed with the CIA's covert paramilitary actions, which before Sept. 11 had used local agents with little success to attack al-Qaida.

The commission said the joint CIA-military covert operations in Afghanistan after Sept. 11 were successful but still recommended shifting lead responsibility for all paramilitary operations to the better-equipped Pentagon.

"The intelligence community gets fascinated with paramilitary covert actions, it's pretty sexy stuff," Hamilton said. "The James Bond stuff, and it begins to I think have an impact on the quality of intelligence."

One intelligence official said any changes should make sure that the CIA's "flexibility and nimbleness" were not replaced by a more "cumbersome" apparatus. *Reuters*

Army: Terror attack feared in Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Terrorists, including members of the Jemaah Islamiyah, are just waiting for the right time to launch attacks in Mindanao and other parts of the country, Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. [illegible] said.

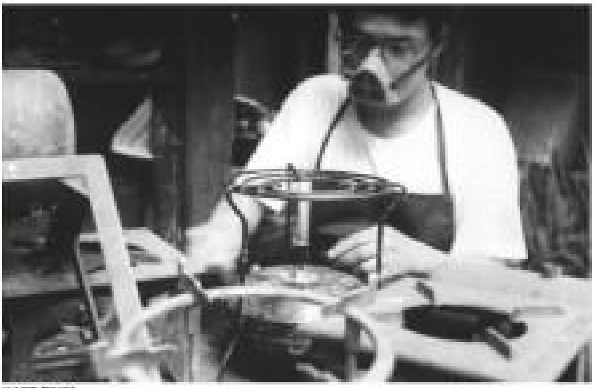
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LAST year when rumors were rife that President Macapagal-Arroyo was willing to abandon Chief Justice Hilario Davide if the Nationalist People's Coalition could successfully impeach him, the administration made a big production of denying it. However, the suspicion lingered in many quarters that the administration was willing to do anything out of expediency, as long as it wouldn't get caught.

For a time it seemed as if a similar "hands-off approach" in aid of a mainly political agenda was underway in the House of Representatives. This time, the suspicion was that the President was allowing a group of new lawmakers loyal to her to plot against the leaders of the 12th Congress which bowed out of existence at the end of June.

Now comes news that everything is hunky-dory in the House after all. Kampi, the putative party of the President, has withdrawn its challenge to the existing House leadership and seated its [illegible] with other groupings in the administration tent, such as the Liberal Party. Why even in the Senate, the good old days seem to be back, with a power-sharing arrangement between the Liberals and the Nacionalistas (or to be precise, between the Liberals and a Nacionalista).

After all the political deal-making and maneuvering in recent weeks, it is a relief to see that petty disputes over positions have been set aside. Perhaps the new Congress can settle down quickly and buckle down to the serious work of legislation.

However, the permutations of congressional leadership seem forced and even shallow, considering the realities on the ground. The administration, despite a commanding majority in both Houses, stands on rather shaky foundations. The dominant administration party, Lakas-CMD, remains a party not fully under the President's control. It is vulnerable to the rantings and petty demands of allied parties, ranging from some party-list groups to the Liberals. And that strange political creature, Kampi, which, true to its name, seems only to be on the side of whatever serves the President's personal political interests. There are also the parties that are in tactical but uneasy alliance with the administration coalition, such as the gravely degraded but still very much alive Nationalist People's Coalition. The administration coalition is composed of many cooks, all jockeying for the privilege of spoiling the broth.

Kampi, in particular, seems to have a serious attitude problem, marked by contempt for the rules, written and unwritten, that govern the House. Legislative order can only be maintained when procedures and tradition are accepted and followed by all. For example, there is the tradition of seniority, which allows a predictable transfer of chairmanships based on years of service in the chamber, besides other political considerations. When people do not follow the rules, chaos follows, and for a time this was what threatened to erupt in the House.

The country expects a degree of dynamism on the part of the legislature this time around. Everyone is sick of gridlock. Everyone wants to see a Congress doing more work and less grandstanding. Had the scuffle for committee chairmanships in the House continued into the opening of the 13th Congress, it would have dashed all hopes of getting urgent legislation under way.

Now there is peace. There are the usual expressions of cooperation and mutual high regard. This is par for the course for politicians. But we will be waiting to see if the coalition will hold. And whether the legislative agenda will be stillborn, or get off to a good start.

If there is one thing Speaker Jose de Venecia can do, it's getting the legislative express off and running. With the earlier settlement of leadership problems in the Senate, neither chamber has cause to plead gridlock. Our congressmen and senators have simply run out of options and excuses to not do their work and drag their feet.

Then again, however, the best laid plans can always go awry. And if they do, it will be for the reasons we've stated. The weak and brittle nature of the administration coalition, and the intemperate lust for power of some of the first termers in both the Senate and the House.

Leaving the coalition

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I still stand for the withdrawal of our humanitarian contingent in Iraq but not in consideration of the release of Angelo de la Cruz from the clutches of the Iraqi rebels. I regard that as only an incidental benefit. My reason is less emotional. While I am glad over the rescue of our innocent countryman from cold-blooded execution, my justification is impersonal and more political.

I would view President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to pull out our humanitarian forces not as a surrender to the Iraqi insurgents' threat to behead our helpless countryman if we did not accede to their demand. That would be a capitulation to blackmail that would dishonor our country's history and sully our self-respect.

Wags and even responsible world leaders who would brand us as a nation of cowards [illegible] the character of the Filipino. They are victims of what Chief Justice Enrique M. Fernando aptly calls "the valor of ignorance."

[illegible] used it as his lethal weapon against the might of the Castilian empire. Bonifacio and his Katipuneros dared the Spanish conquerors with their trusty bolos. The young Gen. Gregorio del Pilar died at Tirad Pass with his gallant men for resisting another imperialist scheme to impose upon us another alien rule.

It was our people who fought the delaying action in Bataan and Corregidor that turned the initial defeat of the allied soldiers to ultimate victory in the Pacific War. The guerrillas in our mountain fastnesses hunted the Japanese occupants to death even as Jose Abad Santos chose to be martyred rather than swear allegiance to the Rising Sun.

We are known as the nation that [illegible] people power in Edsa I and Edsa II to peacefully protest the abuses of authoritarianism and become the proud exemplar for other oppressed lands in resisting tyranny. Many are the other peoples who, taking courage from our own defiance, strengthened their own will to free themselves from the villainies of power.

A nation of cowards? Jay Leno, the stand-up comedian, and Prime Minister John Howard of Australia, no less than their American counterparts, do not know the definition of courage.

Those self-righteous critics who would compare us to [illegible] or ridicule us to get a laugh from the television audience had better think again to understand our real reasons in separating from the coalition of the willing under US President George W. Bush.

Our own President Arroyo has probably realized that we should not have joined it in the first place. The American invasion of Iraq was made for the wrong reasons as subsequent events have demonstrated. To date, the invaders have yet to discover a single shred of the weapons of mass destruction that Bush claimed Saddam Hussein was concealing. His other pretext, which was to free Iraq from dictatorship, was an internal problem only the Iraqis had a right to solve by themselves.

Bush's war was made without formal UN approval ... indeed, against the decree of the Security Council. And his supposed deliverance of the Iraqis from the oppression of Saddam and his clique was not a proper subject of intervention from the United States in its self-assumed role as the sometime policeman of the world.

All this leads to my personal justification for the withdrawal of our forces from Iraq, which is this. We should never have joined the coalition of the willing in the first place because it is legally and morally wrong. A post-mortem of the American aggression clearly shows that it was clearly unjustified.

Those who would moderate our complicity say that we have not sent a military participation but only humanitarian aid. Yet, our contingent is headed by a brigadier general and all its personnel wear military uniforms. Moreover, even conceding its humanitarian purpose, I think that its work should be performed not in Iraq but in the Philippines itself and for the benefit of our own people.

Charity begins at home. I should think that more than the Iraqis, it is our own countrymen who need the humanitarian aid rendered by the Filipino troops in Iraq. Iraq is awash in oil, and there are many prosperous countries that are giving [illegible] the benefit of their generosity. Our efforts were plainly for show, to add to Dubya's ego. They were pitiful in comparison and were probably accepted only as token help if not secretly belittled if not actually scoffed.

By contrast, the Philippines desperately needs humanitarian aid, from our countrymen at home, if not from others. Our children need schools, our farmers seedlings, irrigation ditches and feeder roads, our health centers medicines and medical facilities, our squatters decent and livable homes, and the poor in general a just and humane society. It is here the Philippine contingent should have worked instead of in the alien and prosperous Iraq, whose needs are less urgent than ours.

I rejoice with the rest of the Filipino nation over the release of Angelo de la Cruz. But more than our elation over his deliverance, we should be happy that we have finally opened our eyes to our earlier mistake in joining the coalition of the willing. We should never have supported American intervention in the solution of the internal problem of a sovereign country and in waging war against it in defiance of the will of the United Nations.

God, our Father

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a young priest who kept preaching to his parishioners the value of unity and family. He admonished them to say "our church, our choir, our convent, our parish hall," etc. etc. Imagine his embarrassment when one morning, while having coffee with his visiting bishop, the cook came out from nowhere and exclaimed, "Father, I saw a big mouse in our room, and it hid under our bed!"

In today's Gospel (Lk. 11, 1-13), Jesus teaches us to call God as our Father. By telling us to call God "Father," Jesus is telling us who we are—brothers and sisters! We are sons and daughters of the Father in the Son. Wow! What a privilege! If only we realized the meaning of God as our Father, then a lot of problems and sufferings in this world would be eliminated. Unless and until we accept that we are brothers and sisters, we cannot have true and lasting peace.

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God is our Father. We are brothers and sisters. Easier said than done. When it comes to real life, it is not easy to be loving and generous. Reminds me of a priest who was asking a parishioner: "If you had two houses, would you give one of them to the poor?" "Yes Father," the farmer answered with conviction. The priest was so pleased when the parishioner kept saying "yes" to his questions: "If you had two cars ... two hundred hectares ... two carabaos ..." Finally the priest asked him: "If you had two T-shirts, would you give one of them away?" The parishioner was quiet for a while and then said "no." When asked why he said "Because I have two T-shirts!" So much for the sacred love and generosity!

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My confrere Fr. Rudy Horst, SVD just shared with me this beautiful reflection on the prayer "Our Father": "Do not say 'Father' if every day you do not behave like a son; do not say 'our' if you live isolated in your egoism; do not say 'who are in heaven' if you think only of earthly things; do not say 'hallowed be your name' if you do not honor Him; do not say 'your kingdom come' if you confuse Him with material success; do not say 'your will be done' if you do not accept it when it is painful; do not say 'give us this day our daily bread' if you are not worried about people who are hungry, who are without culture and means to live; do not say 'forgive us our trespasses' if you bear your brother a grudge; do not say 'and lead us not into temptation' if you intend to keep on sinning; do not say 'deliver us from evil' if you do not take position against evil; do not say 'Amen' if you do not take the words of 'Our Father' seriously!"

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Jesus teaches us to ask. He underlines our dependency on the Father. Things [illegible] in our lives when we begin to believe and live as if we had no need for God anymore. The danger of having too much of this world is that it gives us that false security and, consequently, pride. You know who you are and who God is if you can sincerely say "Lord, I need you. All that I am and all that I have come from you. Lord, I love You." When was the last time you said in earnest this prayer?

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Many of us pray, but we do not pray from the heart. Prayer is talking to God. I am reminded of the story of a family gathered together for a meal. As was his habit, the father asked everyone to bow their heads in prayer when the youngest asked, "Dad, could I be the one to talk to the plate this time?" When we pray, we talk to God, our Father, and not to some being out there or to some impersonal man up there. When you pray, do you "talk to the plate"? Talk to your Father. Listen to your Father. That is the essence of prayer.

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A lot has been said already about Angelo de la Cruz. I was just reflecting on his name which literally means angel or "messenger" of the cross. He reminds us that many Filipinos are still carrying the heavy cross, made heavier in the first place by the very people who are cashing in on his popularity right now. Angelo is one lucky, one very lucky Filipino, but there are 80 million more like him who are not as lucky. As we rejoice with Angelo, let us not forget the message of the reality of the cross in our people's lives, the reality of evil, and, of course, the power of prayer and the triumph of good over evil.

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Let me end with yet another story about trusting God in prayer. The story is told about a shipwreck survivor in an uninhabited island. Every day he prayed that a ship would pass by to save him. One day his hut and all his supplies got burned down, and in desperation, he cursed God for making his life so unfortunate and difficult. But soon after, a ship arrived, and the captain told him "Hey, we saw your smoke signal!" Let us continue sending our "smoke signals" and believe that God answers literally all our prayers!

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Editor: Juan P. Sarmiento Jr.

Are OFWs conscripts in US occupation of Iraq

FILIPINO workers have become part of the American war machine in the Middle East. Numbering some 4,000 men and women, they make up the largest contingent of private foreign workers in Iraq, according to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Some 2,500 Filipino workers in the war-torn country were recruited by a subcontractor of Kellog, Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, an American corporation once headed by US Vice President Dick Cheney.

They serve as engineers, nurses, doctors, warehousemen, cooks, plumbers, electricians and even hairdressers in American bases and camps in Baghdad, Mosul, Basra, Balad, Taji, Nasiriyah and Umm Qasr.

Other Filipinos are based in nearby countries but venture into Iraq as truck drivers. They comprise less than a third of the 1,500 foreign truck drivers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan and Turkey who cross into Iraq every day, according to special envoy to the Middle East Roy Cimatu.

Their presence in Iraq has been made possible by the privatization of the US military. Corporations listed on the US stock exchange are now involved in intelligence gathering, analysis and making of combat plans, besides doing the US military's laundry, cooking its food and swabbing its latrines.

An estimated 20,000 soldiers fighting on the American side in Iraq are mercenaries.

The idea behind privatizing American war is to make corporations do the job for less. But it turns out that American taxpayers are being overcharged by certain private contractors. Halliburton, for instance, was found to have overcharged the US military about $1 per gallon of gasoline for tens of millions of gallons and $16 million for feeding American soldiers based in Kuwait.

As for Filipino workers, they get one-eighth of the pay of US civilian personnel in Iraq.

Filipino workers are considered backbone of US forces

By Bobby Tuazon
Chair, Political Science Committee of the University of the Philippines Manila

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Our workers are merely in dire need of decent income

By Manuel G. Imson
Acting Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment

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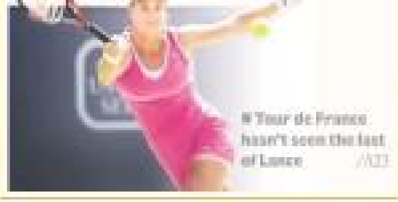
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Empire King, Cover Girl eye redemption today

EMPIRE King and Cover Girl both seek redemption today when the 2004 Philippine Triple Crown series winds up with the staging of the Horseman's Cup at the Santa Ana Park.

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Portuguese humbles Greene, clinches track meet double

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RODRIGUEZ

Sorenstam charges, leaves foes gasping



DESPITE her concentration, second-round leader Stupples finds herself trailing a hot Sorenstam. REUTERS

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France—World No.1 Annika Sorenstam set her sights on becoming the first three-time winner of the Evian Masters Friday after a masterful third round 65 left the rest of the field trailing in her wake.

The Swede did not drop a shot in the seven birdie round and finished on 16 under 200, three ahead of Britain's Karen Stupples and four in front of third-placed Lorena Ochoa, from Mexico.

Sorenstam began a day that was interrupted by a two-hour delay for storms at one shot off the lead.

But she produced a typically supreme performance. She made seven birdies—the longest was from 15 feet at the 11th—and even when she did make a mistake she recovered with aplomb.

At the par five 18th, for example, she completely mis-hit her second from the rough. But the next, with a seven iron from 170-yards, almost disappeared into the cup and she had an easy tap-in for birdie.

"Obviously, I'm very happy," said the champion from 2000 and 2002.

"I made a good start and finished well and now I'm in a great position." Even the delay seemed to suit her.

"It was before we teed off so I just ate twice and rested in the locker room," she explained. "In fact, there was a lovely breeze which was nice because it has been so hot for the past few days." For Stupples, who led at halfway, a birdie, birdie finish to a 69 was a gritty effort, if not quite good enough. There was also a sense of deja vu for the Briton—she led by three at the halfway stage of the Ladies' Masters in Australia at the start of the season only to finish second best to Sorenstam's final two rounds of 65.

"I actually didn't feel at my best today so I'm pretty happy with three under," said the 31-year-old, whose only professional victory came in Tucson, Arizona, in March.

Ochoa had seven birdies in a 67, while Australia's Wendy Doolan was fourth after a 69. *AFP*

Franco vaults ahead with a 63

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin—Paraguay's Carlos Franco shot a seven-under-par 63 to move into a one-shot lead after the second round of the Greater Milwaukee Open on Friday.

At the halfway stage, Franco stands on nine-under-par 131, just ahead of 2002 PGA champion Rich Beem who fired a 66.

Scott Hoch, a two-time winner of this event, shot a 65 and is tied for third with Bo Van Pelt (68) and Patrick Sheehan (68) on seven-under 133.

Defending champion Kenny Perry (67) is in a 10-player group at four-under 136. The cut was made at one-over 141 with 86 players advancing to the weekend.

Franco, 39, a three-time PGA Tour winner who last triumphed at the 2000 Compaq Classic of New Orleans, began on the back nine and recorded four birdies in a five-hole stretch before a bogey at the par-four 17th for an outward 33.

On the front nine, he added four more birdies.

Franco's 63 is the lowest score through two rounds, while Billy Andrade posted a six-under-par 64 on Friday to move into the group with Perry. *Reuters*

Roddick enters semis vs bee-stung Ljubicic



KIEFER celebrates after a point against Paradorn in the quarters. AP

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—Defending champion Andy Roddick took only 52 minutes to advance while Thai fourth seed Paradorn Srichaphan, last year's runnerup here, saw his title bid ended prematurely.

American top seed Roddick thrashed sixth seed Dominik Hrbaty, 6-2, 6-3, in a quarterfinal at the RCA Championships here Friday. Roddick will face Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic in a Saturday semifinal.

Paradorn, the fourth seed, fought for two hours and 33 minutes before losing to Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, 7-6 (9/7), 7-6 (7/5). Kiefer next faces 79th-ranked Frenchman Gregory Carraz, who beat Israeli qualifier Noam Okun, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Roddick, in his first tournament since losing the Wimbledon final to Swiss star Roger Federer, labored through his first two matches, both three-set triumphs, but was in top form against 20th-rated Hrbaty.

"Each match I feel I'm hitting the ball better," Roddick said. "I was hitting my slice serves pretty well. I did double fault five times (in my first three service games) but I didn't feel I was hitting those serves badly. They just missed going in.

"Any day you don't get broken is a good day."

Paradorn was let down by his serve, allowing Kiefer 18 opportunities to break serve in the match. Kiefer let all but three of those chances go by the wayside, prolonging the encounter, the first set of which went nearly 90 minutes.

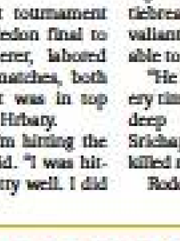
"I had so many break points that I could have made it easier on myself if I made them," Kiefer said. "I could have saved one hour if I made them." Srichaphan squandered a 6-2 advantage in the first-set tie-breaker—blowing five set points in all in the tiebreaker. Although he fought valiantly in the second set, he was unable to prevent defeat.

"He has such a good return that every time I served I had to try to put it deep to make a difference," Srichaphan said. "I just lost myself. I killed myself."

Roddick's run to his first Grand Slam crown at last year's US Open began here. He won 19 consecutive matches before falling to Hrbaty in the Davis Cup semifinal in Bratislava last September.

Ljubicic overcame a bee sting and ousted French third seed Sebastien Grosjean, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2. Ljubicic was leading 6-5 in the first set with Grosjean serving at 30-0 when he was stung by a bee on his right buttock. *AFP*

Jones wants ex-hubby charged



JONES

SAN FRANCISCO/RALEIGH, North Carolina—Lawyers for Olympic champion Marion Jones said on Friday that her ex-husband C.J. Hunter should be prosecuted for lying to federal officials following reports he told them Jones had used steroids at the 2000 Sydney Games.

"Since C.J. Hunter has lied to government officials, he also needs to be investigated, be subjected to a polygraph investigation and prosecuted for lying to federal investigators," her attorney Joseph Burton said.

Several California newspapers reported that former shot putter Hunter, who was himself banned for using steroids and who was divorced from Jones in 2002, made the allegations to investigators probing the BALCO steroids scandal.

A person answering the phone at Hunter's North Carolina home referred questions to his attorney, who in turn did not respond to requests for comment.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported it had obtained investigators' memos containing Hunter's claims, which also said that he sometimes personally injected Jones with banned performance-enhancing substances, which included the designer steroid THG, endurance-boosting EPO and human growth hormone.

"She is absolutely telling the truth when she says she never took any performance enhancing drugs," attorney Rich Nichols said of Jones, 28, who has never failed a drug test.

The stories were the latest allegations in the case against the San Francisco-area BALCO laboratory which had led to the indictment of the lab's two officials. *Reuters*

Weather may play big part in German GP

HOCKENHEIM, Germany—The tricky weather conditions may play a part in the German Grand Prix where Michael Schumacher looks to tie his season record for victories and Ferrari aims for another team title.

In the Friday practice, conditions were hot—track temperatures approached 45 degrees celsius (112F) and teams experimented with different tires.

After the teams wrapped up for the day, it rained heavily with a brief thunderstorm in the area and temperatures dropped.

Teams will be looking at the skies again before Saturday's qualifying.

At the British Grand Prix two weeks ago, with rain threatening, teams tried to go slow in the pre-qualifying to get a better starting position in the official qualifying an hour later.

Schumacher had the top time of Friday's two sessions with a best of 1 minute, 15.001 seconds on the 4.574-kilometer (2.843-mile) Hockenheim ring in the afternoon session after finishing second in the morning runs.

Schumacher is trying for his 11th victory in 12 races this season. In 2002, he set the F1 record of 11 wins in 17 races.

"Friday in Hockenheim has been quite pleasant," Schumacher said. "I am quite happy with the overall situation." *AP*

Sunday Biz

This time, dad's checkbook no longer there to rescue him



Former GMA student

Coming on his own

Workaholic

Travel gear shop opens doors





Sleek luggage, a weekend break and Bangkok finds



Retailer targets growing market outside Metro Manila to expand



Six-feet-under venture for ₱10M, anyone?







Farmers welcome old-fashioned way of raising chickens



Youngest . . .

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel

A whirlwind tour of Jakarta

Text and photos by Pam Pastor

I WAS in the middle of exotic Jakarta, surrounded by intoxicating new sights and smells, but all I could look at were my tour guide's shoes.

The big scary bear of a man, who looked like a Tagalog movie villain, was wearing girlie white sandals. They were white, they had eyelets and they reminded me of the sandals I wore as a toddler.

I couldn't resist; I had to take a picture.

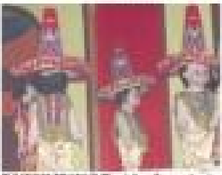
Then, because I had only one day to absorb everything Indonesian, I forced myself to tear my eyes away from his shoes and focus on the tour.

A whirlwind/C2



PALACE of Dolls. A creepy version of Disneyland's It's A Small World attraction.





A whirlwind tour of Jakarta

Even with a crazy mascot chasing me and a grammatically challenged guide, the trip was beautiful



TOTEM Pole











EYE CANDY: One of the establishments at the Art Market

TravelBriefs

Singapore's new ad campaign

Additional Dubai-Tehran flight

Sun, sea and golf

Three weekend packages

Hotel package

Promo winners get dream vacation

Stranded in Jolo













Considering the dangers in the open sea at night, getting stuck at the wharf was probably the best thing that happened to us

One for three

First big company donor

Frenzy of phone calls



Search for exceptional Filipinas now accepting nominations



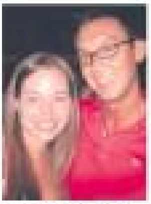












Inspiring students, men and hunks

Oh, the variety of life! I was a featured writer in a high-school class and, shortly, an auctioneer of wholesome hunks



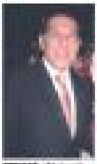
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Tessa Prieto-Valdes

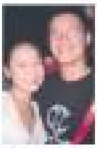
JUST when I thought all the men have queer eyes, I discovered where the bachelors are breeding. They are at the Ateneo de Manila University's graduating high school class.











World of men









Planetary conspiracy



















Sunday LIFESTYLE

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"I'M rich, you're not!" Kimora Lee Simmons' Baby Phat ad campaign

A banner year for Pinoy fashion stars abroad

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS



Anton San Diego

REMEMBER last week when TNT reported on **Audrey Puckett Chiu** making inroads in the UK with her one-of-a kind beaded tops at Harrods, Cross and Mimi's?

Now there's another cause for celebration: Fashion designer **Lesley Mobo** is also making a name for himself in the UK as the creative director and head of the design department of Harrods.

Lesley is from Kalibo, Aklan, and was a biology student at FEU. In 2000, he won a scholarship to the prestigious fashion school, Central Saint Martins, the alma mater of **Alexander Mc-Queen** and **John Galliano**. Now he's putting his eclectic background to great use.

Meanwhile, **Stephen Gan**, the creative director of Harper's bazaar and editor of Visionaire, V magazine and V Man, is coming to Manila in December to launch the latter two magazines.

Coming with him are his good friends and editorial colleagues **Cecilia Dean** and **James Kaliardos**, as well as male model **Brad Kroenig** and (hold your breath) top photographer **Mario Testino**.

Fashion director **Ariel Lozada** has finalized all the details of both the fashion show and the launch. It is actually a three-day event, culminating in an invitational dinner and a V launch in Cebu.

Yes, these events will probably be the high-

A BANNER/ C6

A banner year for Pinoy fashion stars abroad





MUST-HAVE CD—Renee Olstead (above); must-have art/illustration coffee-table book—"Hey Day" (left)



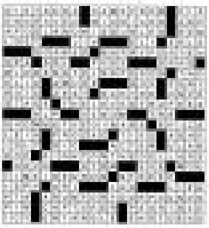


GUESS who's coming to town! Stephen Gan (with Vogue's Grace Coddington) will be in Manila this December to launch his V magazine and V Man.

New material girl



ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD





The 'Let's Pretend' campaign

A young girl who survived a 50-ft fall off a cliff has a challenge for the people of this sad Republic: Make believe you are what others say you'll never be and a miracle might happen

By [illegible]
Contributor

IF YOU'VE ever wondered what a near-death experience might do to you, it's this: It frightens you into optimism and, worse, idealism. At least that's what happened to me. I now believe in the promise of a brighter future, better things to come, good winning over evil and, yes, world peace.

I'm not sure when it became cool to be cynical in this country, or when "don't care and couldn't be bothered" became an acceptable attitude.

When did it become okay to identify the Philippines with words like "third world," "corrupt" and "poor"? Talk about self-fulfilling prophecy!

On a recent early morning, I witnessed the inaugural address of President Macapagal-Arroyo, the 14th president of our Republic. And I believed her when she said she would create jobs and reforms, strike hard against corruption and work to unify the nation. Our country is in your good hands, I thought as I sat beside congressmen and senators who, in their good hearts, I hoped trusted her, too.

We must first believe in the President's promise of new jobs, a balanced budget and the just conclusion to the peace processes with the Muslim and communist rebels before they can happen.

Because I am tired of hearing how hopeless our country is. Aren't we all? If we can't make things come together and work instantly, can't we at least do something about our own attitude?

Here's something remarkable that I've figured out in my post-accident life: We Filipinos love miracles. We love to hear about them, and we're captivated by the idea of something impossible actually happening.

Well then, why shouldn't this apply to our country? If I can survive a 50-foot fall, then the Philippines can definitely be First World. Cheer up, guys, miracles happen. You don't need to slip off a cliff to feel this way or to have faith in the good people of the world. You are the good people.

I suppose I'm still looking for the "reason it all happened" or the "mission" I've been told I must have. Once a miracle happens, you must find out what its message is. No one can tell you about it—you're supposed to discover it.

No-cost challenge

At first, my challenge to myself and to this country was to somehow get everyone to donate just P1 so we can build a hospital or a school. If all 80 million of us could come together and do that, then becoming First World wouldn't be so impossible. Is it ludicrous to believe that once you've done one miracle the others would just follow?

But then I thought, dear Lord, what if far too many of our citizens didn't have even a peso to spare?

So now here's a challenge to everyone that won't cost a centavo. And this one is easy for anyone who is under 12 years old because young people still have that idealism they've been born with. (Parents, please do not deprive them of that.)

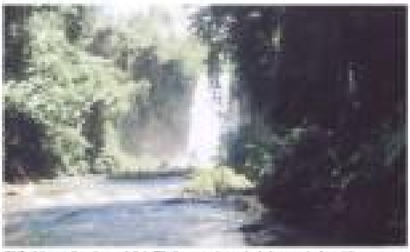
'Ma'am' and 'Sir' on vacation

A group of 10 intrepid teachers has been criss-crossing the country every summer for fun, adventure and learning









Program aims to make readers of Naga pupils





The 'Let's Pretend' campaign

Use your phone and enjoy big surprises